

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 6-7, 9-15, 17, 20-21, and 23-28 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1, 3, 6, 15, and 20 are amended, and claims 5 and 19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for indication that claims 5-7 and 19-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. The allowable features of claims 5 and 19 have been added to independent claims 1 and 15, respectively. Accordingly, independent claim 1 and 15 should be in condition for allowance, along with claims 3, 6-7, 9-14, 17, 20-21, and 23-28, which depend respectively therefrom.

The Office Action rejected claims 3, 9, 17, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, and under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner asserts that “[t]he dependent claims 3, 9, 17, and 23 are mutually exclusive embodiments to FIG. 8” and that “[i]t is not understood how two mutually exclusive embodiments, FIG. 8 vs. FIG. 9 can be claimed at the same time.” These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 3 and 17 are supported by paragraphs 0057-0059 and claims 9 and 23 by paragraphs 0064-0066 in the present application. Claim 3 recites a first fixing portion formed to be stepped at one upper side of the supporter, and a second fixing portion protruding from a top end of the guide panel, the second fixing portion being brought into contact with the first fixing portion to stop the supporter when the supporter moves downward. FIG. 8 is a cross sectional view of the height adjustment device shown in FIG. 5 at line A-A showing first and second support parts 77 and 78 in detail. The exemplary embodiment shown in Fig. 8 includes first support part 77 having a first fixing portion 77a formed to be stepped at one upper side of the supporter 72 and a second fixing portion 77b protruding from a top end of the guide panel 74, the second fixing portion 77b being brought into contact with the first fixing portion 77a to stop the supporter 72 when the supporter moves downward.

Claim 9 recites a first hook formed at the guide panel, and a second hook formed at the supporter, wherein the first and second hooks are locked to each other so that the supporter moving upward is unable to further move upward. FIG. 9 is a cross sectional view of the height adjustment device shown in FIG. 5 at line B-B showing a stopper 79 in detail. The exemplary embodiment shown in Fig. 9 includes the stopper 79 comprising a first hook 79a formed at the guide panel 74 and a second hook 79b formed at the supporter 72, wherein the first hook 79a

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and second hook 79b are locked to each other so that the supporter 72 moving upward is unable to further move upward.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that the features shown in Figures 8 and 9 are not mutually exclusive. Claims 17 and 23 depend from independent claim 15 and recite features similar to claims 3 and 9, respectively. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 3, 9, 17, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 10-15, 21, and 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jahrling, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0075517 in view of Doepke, U.S. Patent No. 3,726,581. The rejection is moot in view of the amendments discussed above, and thus, should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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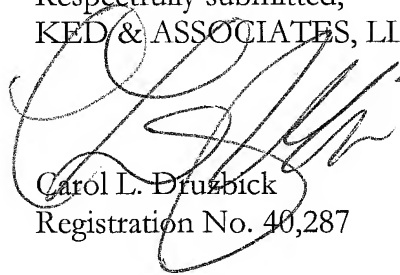
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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